American persuasion to India on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

1588. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is being persuated by the Bush Administration to join a five power summit on nuclear non-proliferation in South Asia; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Govt. regard nuclear non-proliferatoin as a global issue and the five power meeting proposed by the U.S. does not take this into consideration.

Situation in Czechoslovakia

1589. SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverament are aware of the developing situation in Czechoslovakia;

(b) whether Indian students in Czechoslovakia are facing any difficulties; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government of India to maintain and develop links with both the Czech and the Slovanian regions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Difficulties are being faced by Indian students in Czechoslovakia as a result of the radical economic restructuring that is underway in that country.

(c) The Indian Embassy in Prague maintains constant liaison and interaction with the Federal Government as also with the Governments of the constituent republics.

Government's stand on Kashmir

1590. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India has attracted the attention of Security Council for the movement of JKLF from the Line of Actual Control in India;

(b) whether a Pakistani official has recently stated that as India has taken this issue to United Nations and Human Rights Council it is a violation of Simla Agreement;

(c) if so, what are the comments of the Government on this issue; and

(d) whether Government are holding the policy of give and take on Kashmir issue, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A spokesman of the Pakistan Foreign office was reported as having stated on 19 Feb. 1992 that the Kashmir problem is an international dispute as it remains on the agenda of the UN.

(c) The remarks attributed to the Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesman seeking to distort India's position are factually incorrect.

(d) No, Sir. Government continue to regard J & K as an integral part of India.